

# Press Release

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CC: Governor's Office  
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Re: May meeting of the Authority Board of Directors

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## Board Approves 3 Competitive Research Projects; UAMS & UAF to Receive EPSCoR Funds

The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority approved additional matching funds for three Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) matching grant projects at its May 21 meeting in Little Rock. Funding for the three projects, one at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and two at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, totaled \$248,692. They are:

1. "Formation of an Arkansas Center for Membrane Transport" by Dr. Michael Jennings of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, in the amount not to exceed \$47,251.
2. "Formation of a Center for Ultra-Fast Electronic-Photonic Material and Devices" by Dr. Gregory J. Salamo of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$62,173.
3. "University-Industry Partnership for Enabling Advances in Telecommunication: A Semiconductor-Optical Interconnect Device Fabrication Facility Targeted Toward Enhanced Information Processing" by Dr. Min Xiao of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$139,268.

*NSF established **EPSCoR** in response to congressional concerns about geographical inequities in the distribution of federal research and development dollars. From 1991 to 1998, Arkansas received a total of \$20.8 million in funding from agencies for their respective EPSCoR programs.*

<http://www.state.ar.us/asta/epscor.html>

*The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.*

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